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SUBJECT: FAO/SIDA MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU

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SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY REPORT JOINT FAO/SIDA TECHNICAL
MISSION TO SAHEL PRESENTED TO GILSS DEC 14. REPORT
STRESSES LONG-TERM MULTI-DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS AIMED AT
RESTORATION AND TRANSFORMATION MARGINAL SAHEL LANDS.
REPORT WILL BE READY SOMETIME NEXT MONTH. SIDM WILL
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PRO-
GRAMS THROUGH CREATION SPECIAL FUND. RESPONSE TO REPORT
GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT SOME RAISED QUESTION POSSIBLE
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DUPLICATION WITH MIT.

ACTION REQUESTED: FOR COORDINATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH MIT IN LONG-TERM PLANNING FIELD, RECOMMEND AID/W AND FODAG/ROME CONTACT MIT AND FAO/ROME TO SUGGEST MIT-FAO/SIDA MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FAO/SIDA (SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY) MISSION HELD MEETING WITH CILSS IN OUAGADOUGOU DEC 14. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY CILSS PRESIDENT DAKOURE AND SECRETARY KONATE. THREE MAN FAO/SIDA TECHNICIAN TEAM (TERVER, ZUMER-LINDER, AND RIZOPOULOS) PRESENTED PRE-LIMINARY REPORT ON THEIR VISIT TO THE AIREA. ANDERS FORASE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SIDA, PLUS OTHER SIDA OFFICIALS FROM STOCKHOLM ALSO ATTENDED. OFFICIALS FROM MALI, NIGER, CHAD, AND UPPER VOLTA ATTENDED AS SAHELIAN STATE REPRESENTATIVES. MEDAH (WORLD BANK) AND EL-SAEED (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVERS AS DID MENSAH OF FAO'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN ACCRA.

2. MAIN PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO BRIEF CILSS ON STATUS TEAM'S VISITS TO SAHEL STATES. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF MISSION, AS OUTLINED BY TERVER, WAS TAKE LOOK AT PROBLEMS OF LONG-RANGE SOIL RESTORATION, REFORESTATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF PASTURAGE. MAIN THEME OF MISSION WAS "STOP THE SAHARA." TERVER SAID FAO MEMBERS WILL BE RETURNING TO ROME FOR FINAL DRAFTING OF REPORT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO CILSS SOMETIME IN JANUARY. TERVER TOLD DAKOURE THAT REPORT WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF LIST OF RECOMMENDED "PROGRAMS" OR LONG-TERM STRATEGIES WHICH WILL HAVE AS THEIR GOAL THE RESTORATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF MARGINAL SAHEL LANDS. TERVER INDICATED THAT FAO/SIDA REPORT WILL BE BROAD MULTI-DISCIPLINE EXAMINATION AND NOT JUST LIMITED TO FORESTATION-TYPE PROJECTS. (FYI WE HAVE ASKED KONATE FOR COPY OF THIS REPORT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. END FYI)

3. FORSSE THEN BRIEFED MEETING ON SIDA'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE CONTAINED IN FINAL REPORT. SIDA WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAMS THROUGH CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND (AMOUNT NOT SPECIFIED) WHICH WILL BE CHanneled VIA SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION TO ADB AND EARMARKED FOR LONG-TERM SIDA SAHEL PROGRAMS. SIDA WILL, ON NEED BASIS, SUPPLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND NECESSARY OPERATING EQUIPMENT. FORSSE DID NOT SPELL OUT THESE POINTS IN ANY FURTHER DETAIL DURING MEETING. FAO/SIDA HAS ALREADY SUPPLIED SWEDISH ADVISOR TO CILSS (CHRISTEN

VAN MALMBORG) WHO WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH DAKOURE/
KONATE ON SIDA PROGRAM BUT WILL GET INVOLVED IN OTHER
CILSS ACTIVITIES AS WELL.

4. DAKOURE ASKED IF FAO/SIDA HAD CONSIDERED INVOLVE-
MENT IN TWO REGIONAL-TYPE PROGRAMS. SAHEL RESEARCH
INSTITUTION AND REGIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTER. TERVER
REPLIED THAT TEAM HAD LOOKED AT THESE BUT INDICATED
NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. TERVER ADDED THAT HE WAS
UNSURE AS WHETHER OR NOT MIT/AID WOULD BE GETTING
INVOLVED IN THESE PROGRAMS.

5. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE GENERALLY FAVOR-
ABLE IN THEIR COMMENTS ON FAO/SIDA PRELIMINARY REPORT.
IN REPLYING TO ONE DELEGATE'S QUESTION ABOUT TERMS
OF AID, FORSSE SAID SIDA WOULD BE AS FORTHCOMING AS
POSSIBLE IN ITS TERMS IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
THE SAHEL STATES.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME REPRESENTATIVES CRITICIZED
MEETING AS "PREMATURE"--FAO/SIDA GROUP HAS YET TO
COMPLETE TOUR OF MAURITANIA, CHAD, NIGER -- MEETING
WENT OFF REASONABLY WELL.EASUM

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